



*Dedicated to Freedom of the Road.*

**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.**

P. O. Box 4504 Portland, Oregon 97208

**State Board of Directors Meeting  
October 8, 2011  
Albany, Oregon**

**Call to Order / Welcome:**

The meeting was called to order by Ted Tracy at 12:04 pm with 10 of 12 chapters represented.

**Not Present:** Salem, SE Portland

**Ineligible to vote:** Everyone is eligible to vote.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of Silence:** For Downed Brothers/Sisters and Service Men/Women.

**Guests and First Time Attendees:** “Mom” from Lincoln County Chapter, 78 years young and just got her motorcycle endorsement 2 weeks ago.

**Reading / Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by River City Chapter to adopt minutes as printed in the State Newspaper. Seconded by WaCo. Motion passed.

**(X) Coordinator’s Comments:** Ted Tracy – Welcomed everyone and spoke on the Meeting of the Minds Conference. He stated that he hates flying but went anyway and stayed at the Sheridan Hotel and got to see a lot of Detroit before the meeting started. Al Nichols gave the Oregon report for the conference. Ted said that Al spoke 100 words in 15 seconds but it was good. Al replied that it is easier to talk to 20 than to 200 people. Ted reported that the Washington State people were in a wreck and were unable to attend. They had a great time.

Ted complained that Rick's constant winning at the Fund Raiser kept him up at night. Ted mentioned that he has been donating Pendleton Blankets to the fund raiser at a cost of about \$100 and that this year's blanket went for \$700 and past blankets sometimes went for about as much. This is money that is used to keep fighting for our rights at the Federal level and items specific to your area bring the most money. People from other areas want these things and are willing to pay big bucks for them and they are great advertisement for your area or State too.

Ted read a card from Amy Derby, Wheeler Co. 4-H, thanking ABATE for the generous donation.

**(X) Secretary Report & Correspondence:** Nic Oliver – Nothing to report other than voting will take place just before the break and he would appreciate a couple of people helping count the ballots. Kay and Bob Highfill volunteered.

**\*\*\*\*\* Officer's Reports\*\*\*\*\***

**(X) Vice-Coord North:** Allan Nichols – Reported that Chapter Representatives should bring ideas for agenda items for ABATE to the Planning Session.

Spoke on Ted's comment on items for Donating to the MRF. Said that the items donated should be unique to Oregon, as those are the items that they get the good money for.

**(X) Vice-Coord South:** Pat "Spanky" Allen – Reported that the JoCo Toy Run went well. Also spoke on the idea of putting sponsor names on the back of T-shirts for the Swap Meet as they sell well and the sponsor gets advertising out of the deal and are willing to pay a little more for the spaces.

**(X) Vice-Coord East:** Robert Terrill – Reported that the Run to the Cascades event was a bust. They advertised that thousands would attend and barely hundreds showed up. Everything just fell apart.

Reported on attending Jim Middleton's Memorial and that there was good support from the community in attendance. They appreciated all of the motorcyclists that came.

Also reported that the Toy Run for Central Oregon had 109 bikes and that 1600 Teddy Bears were given to local hospitals.

**(X) Treasurer:** Kay Sipple – Reported that we have a new checking account with On Point Credit Union. We are still partially with the old bank until all checks have cleared. Account totals: checking \$6,632.51, Savings \$22,636.16, PayPal \$300.00.

Also reported was that all Chapters should get Quicken 2011 as soon as possible. She will be checking on how many copies she can make of the one the State has.

**State Auditor:** Connie Ceccacci – Excused. Report given by Kay. All Chapter reporting needs to go to Connie, not Kay. Kay can also get them but they need to go to Connie. Year end statements from the bank need to come in as soon as possible from the Chapters. The longer we take to get them, the later the Federal people get the report and it costs us money. We had to file for 2 extensions this last year. Reports and Year-end Statements need to be in before tax time.

**Newspaper Editor:** Rot Path – Thanked everyone for attending the meeting today. Stated that he could not complain that Chapter reports aren't in yet but today is only the 8<sup>th</sup> and they are not due till the 10<sup>th</sup>. Rot Path reported that he checked out his phone lines and they seem to only work fine when it is raining and he can't find the problem.

Reported that next month, November, needs to be in as early as possible because November is a very busy month for the printer. So everything needs to be in as soon as possible in order to get our Newspaper out on time.

**(X)Membership Secretary:** Linda Henderson – Reported that our current membership is 1546. We lost 4 members recently to accidents. We need to be careful out there. Linda reported that when she is checking the mail, which is done only 1 day a week, it would help if people would put "Attn (whoever is to get the letter) on the outside of the envelope. If you don't write that then she has to open it and try to figure out who it goes to and that delays the mail being distributed.

**(X)Sanctioning Officer:** Matt Price – Excused – Medical. Nothing to report.

**Legislative Director:** Randy Phipps – Excused

**Sergeant-At-Arms North:** Randy Phipps – Excused

**Sergeant-At-Arms South:** VACANT

**Sergeant-At-Arms East:** VACANT

**Products Director:** Dave Meeker – Reported that he has products available including a Life Member pin. Turned in \$216.00 to Kay for the treasury. Next year is the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Fossil Run and it is time for people to submit their artwork for the T-shirts.

**Education Director:** Geoff White – Excused

**Public Relations Director:** VACANT

**Fossil Coordinator:** Howie Long - Excused.

**Fall/Spring Swap Meet Coordinator:** John “Wheel” Betts – Excused.

**Historian:** Jennifer Brackman – Excused

**WEB Page Editor:** Trace Ceccacci – Excused

**Quartermaster:** Dwayne Sterba – Excused

**Bike PAC Representative:** Randy Phipps – Excused

**MRF Representative:** Allan Nichols – Reported that the Meeting of the Minds this year was mostly dedicated to organizational issues. It was noted that one way to increase our membership and reach more people would be to get involved with off-road riders. They start very young and it becomes a family issue and lasts for many years. There was a discussion on waivers and how they worked and about the “intelligent systems” in cars that slow them down when they get too close to other vehicles and other items like that. Do these things recognize coming up on a motorcycle too fast? Are these systems being considered for motorcycles? These are items that were discussed but any possible legislation is many years away. The biggest national issue is noise. Many cities and areas are passing anti noise laws which directly effect motorcycling.

**CoC Representative:** David Hickerson – Reported that the issue of enough insurance was discussed and whether you can get PIP insurance or not, be sure that you have passenger coverage. You have to ask for this coverage. Also, escalating reports of harassment are coming from the Klamath Falls region. All motorcycle stops should be reported, especially if you get a ticket. There are report forms in every ABATE Newspaper, ABATE website and other websites and they need to be sent in to Sam Hochberg’s office to gather statistics that can help you in court.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Last chance for nominations were taken for the 2012 Officers. Voting took place and below you will find the list of winning Officers for 2012. Please note that there are far too many vacant positions. ABATE of Oregon needs good people to step up and help all motorcyclists in Oregon by helping fill these vacant positions.

- (X)Coordinator** - Al Nichols
- (X)Vice-Coord. North** – Al Simms
- (X)Vice-Coord. South** –
- (X)Vice Coord. East** – Robert Terrill
- (X)Recording Secretary** – Nic Oliver
- (X)Membership Secretary** – Linda Henderson
- (X)Sanctioning Officer** – Matt Price

**(X)Treasurer** – Kay Sipple  
**State Auditor** – Connie Ceccacci  
**Newspaper Editor** – Rot Path  
**Legislative Director** – Don Mason  
**Sergeant-At-Arms North** – Randy Phipps  
**Sergeant-At-Arms South** –  
**Sergeant-At-Arms East** –  
**Products Director** – Dave Meeker  
**Education Director** –  
**Public Relations** – “One Eyed Bob” Nichols  
**State Run Coordinator** – Howie Long  
**State Swap Meet Coordinator** – John “Wheels” Betts  
**Historian** – Jennifer Brachman  
**Web Page Editor** – Trace Ceccacci  
**Quartermaster** – Dwayne Sterba  
**MRF Representative** – Al Nichols  
**ABATE’s BikePAC Representative** – Nic Oliver  
**Confederation of Clubs Representative North** – Dave Hickerson

### **New Business:**

Motion: Submitted by Brian Stovall, River City and seconded by Nic Oliver, Hub City. “To bestow a Life Membership to Geri Middleton.”

This was due to a request by Mrs. Geri Middleton to keep getting the ABATE Newspaper now that her son, Jim, has passed on. This would also get her other benefits. There was a discussion on various proposed amendments or a new motion but all were refused by Brian. It was decided to vote and see what happens.

Voting took place with 10 voting Chapters present. Motion passed unanimously.

Also, Brian Stovall stated that anyone that wants to send anything to Geri Middleton in remembrance of Jim Middleton can do so by sending it to PO Box 1422, The Dalles, OR 97058.

Also discussed was the projected Time Table for the Planning Session.

Saturday 9am: Start of Business  
Saturday 5pm: Done for the day (Dodge Tomatoes at Pinocchio’s Pizza after meeting)  
Sunday 9am: Start of Business  
Sunday Noon: Hopefully finished Business for BOD start.

All Chapters should be in attendance for the Planning Session as the agenda for the next year in ABATE is part of what is worked on. All Chapters representatives should also be in attendance of the Board of Directors meeting on Sunday.

**Announcements:**

**Next State Board of Directors Meeting: October 16, 2011, at VFW Hall, Cottage Grove, Oregon.**

Dave Hickerson reported on a website that lists all ethanol-free stations. It is pure-gas.org, check it out.

**Upcoming events:**

- 15-16 Oct. 2011      ABATE of Oregon, Planning Session. VFW Hall, Cottage Grove, OR.  
For more info. Nic Oliver 541-223-3827
- 11 Nov. 2011      Veteran's Day Parade Raffle. For more info [www.smmroregon.com](http://www.smmroregon.com).
- 03 Dec. 2011      Shriner Toy Run/SE Portland. Portland. For more info 503-255-5415
- 06 Dec. 2011      Rick Colclasure's 70<sup>th</sup> B-Day party at the Railroad Park
- 01 Feb. 2012      First Annual Session of the Oregon State Legislature. Attendance by as many as possible is needed at the State Capitol Building at about 10 am for opening ceremonies and to make a statement as to our resolve in protecting and fighting for the rights of all motorcyclists in Oregon.
- 27 Apr. 2012      Spring Swap Meet/ABATE State. Portland Armory, 10000 NE 33rd Dr, Portland

**Adjourned at 1:56 pm (or 1356 for you military time keepers)**